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 Spokane Neighborhood Action Programs  
 Student Advocates for Valuing the Environment  
 Tahoma Audubon Society  
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 WA CTED - Housing Division  
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RE: Proposed Amendments to the Washington State Energy Code

Dear Chairman DeVries,

In addition to our earlier written comments and our testimony at the September 29 public hearing, we are submitting these comments to correct the record regarding statements made during the testimony of Tony Usibelli, Director of Energy Policy, State Department of Commerce.

Following Mr. Usibelli's testimony, Ex-Officio Council Member Senator Holmquist stated that Mr. Usibelli was "violating" legislative intent by supporting the amendments to the energy code. According to Senator Holmquist, SB5854 clearly states that incremental changes to the energy code were to be made by the SBCC starting in 2013 and that any changes prior to that were directly in conflict with SB5854. That is not correct.

We would like to set the record straight regarding SB 5854 since we had a major role in developing the legislation and worked hard in advocating for its passage. We worked very closely with the prime sponsors of the legislation, Senator Kilmer and Representative Rolfes, in developing the bill language. We put together a large and diverse coalition of interests to support the legislation and, along with a number of our colleagues, invested literally hundreds of hours responding to legislator questions and concerns and refining the language to satisfy those concerns. And we celebrated when the legislature passed and the Governor signed SB 5854 into law.

We can, then, unequivocally assure you that it was never the intent of SB 5854 to halt the normal cycle of energy code updates. In fact, the language of SB 5854 was deliberate: the bill sponsors did not want to interfere with the 2009-2010 energy code revision cycle which was already underway when SB 5854 was being debated. In fact, the intent was that the 2009-2010 cycle of energy code revisions proceed as planned and for SB 5854 to focus on the longer time horizon.

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The NW Energy Coalition strongly supports the proposed changes to the state energy code now before the Council and urges your approval of them.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nancy Hirsh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nancy" and last name "Hirsh" clearly distinguishable.

Nancy Hirsh  
Policy Director

cc: SBCC members